

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2698

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to position Hawaii for global competitiveness in the 21st century by establishing the Hawaii Broadband Commission (Commission) and the Hawaii Broadband Commissioner to increase access to broadband communications for all households, businesses, and organizations throughout the state.

The High Technology Development Corporation testified in support of this bill. AT&T opposed this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Oceanic Time Warner Cable, and tw telecom offered comments.

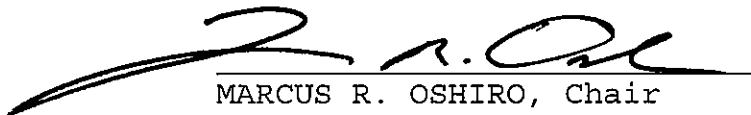
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Administratively attaching the Commission to the Department of Accounting and General Services, rather than DCCA; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



